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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid

Dispensers

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 05/20/2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, President, Presiding Tonya Coats, Professional Member, Secretary Roberta Burtch, Professional Member Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBER ABSENT

Lisa Marencin, Professional Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2014

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting. Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from Audiology/HAD Legislative Committee

This item was tabled due to the Legislative Committee meeting being cancelled.

Review Draft of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

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The Board draft of the temporary speech pathologist application which Ms. Williams prepared. The draft eliminates the start and end dates of the CF, as well as the part time employment from 36 weeks to 72 weeks. Ms. Burtch moved, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the draft. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Sharon Sheridan Theresa Marsh

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burtch, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Sarah Tower

Review Memorandum from David Mangler Regarding Complaint Assignment Process

The Board reviewed the memorandum from the Division of Professional Regulation's Director, David Mangler, regarding changes to the complaint assignment process. The Board took no additional action.

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve, deny, or table the following continuing educational activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Michelle Hersh Approved for 12.0 CS, Not Professional Growth as Requested

Sponsor: John J. Leach School/Colwyck Center/Colonial School District Pre-K Program

Activity: The Nemours BrightStart Complete Program for Early Literacy Success

Contact Hours: 12.0 CS

Licensee: Jennifer Wagner Approved for 12.0 CS, Not Professional Growth as Requested

Sponsor: John J. Leach School/Colwyck Center/Colonial School District Pre-K Program

Activity: The Nemours BrightStart Complete Program for Early Literacy Success

Contact Hours: 12.0 CS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposal to Deny Hearing for James Bertinato – 2:15 p.m.

At 2:21 p.m., Ms. Sullivan called the proposal to deny hearing for James Bertinato to order. Verbatim testimony was recorded via an electronic device. Board members introduced themselves for the record. Mr. Maloney stated the purpose of the hearing. Mr. Bertinato's application packet and supporting documents were marked as Board Exhibit 1 for the record. Mr. Maloney verified that Mr. Bertinato was proceeding without council. Mr. Bertinato was sworn in, provided testimony, and answered board members' questions via telephone. At 2:43 p.m., the Board began their deliberation. The Board's deliberations ended at 2:47 p.m. Ms. Coats moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to grant Mr. Bertinato licensure in Delaware

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Motion unanimously carried. An Order will be drafted for the Board to sign during their next regularly scheduled meeting. The hearing concluded at 2:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consider Recommendations from Hearing Officer for Rule to Show Cause Hearings Held on January 15, 2014

The Board reviewed and considered the recommendations from the Hearing Officer for the Rule to Show Cause hearing held on January 15, 2014 for Elizabeth Lambert. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation from the Show Cause Hearing for the post-renewal compliance audit for Elizabeth Lambert. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the recommendations from the Hearing Officer for the Rule to Show Cause hearing held on January 15, 2014 for April Long. Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation from the Show Cause Hearing for the post-renewal compliance audit for April Long. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board tabled reviewing the recommendations from the Hearing Officer for the Rule to Show Cause hearing held on January 15, 2014, for Cora O'Donnell, for a lack of quorum, due to Ms. Sullivan recusing herself.

The Board reviewed and considered the recommendations from the Hearing Officer for the Rule to Show Cause hearing held on January 15, 2014 for Lisa Sweeny. Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation from the Show Cause Hearing for the post-renewal compliance audit for Lisa Sweeny. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the recommendations from the Hearing Officer for the Rule to Show Cause hearing held on January 15, 2014 for Leondra Whitaker. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation from the Show Cause Hearing for the post-renewal compliance audit for Leondra Whitaker. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Williams advised the Board that there are currently three public member vacancies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jessica M. Williams

Administrative Specialist II